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Title: Need to provide uninterrupted telephone services in Kallakurichi parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu.

DR. K. KAMARAJ (KALLAKURICHI): Kallakurichi Loksabha Constituency is spread over Villupuram and Salem Districts. Geographically, more than 50% of its area consists of Hilly regions, Mountains, Conventional and Reserved Forests. Most of the people living in these areas are tribals. The majority of tribals of Tamil Nadu are living in these districts. Due to large areas consisting of Hilly, Mountain and Forest regions, there is no proper connectivity either wire-line service or wireless services even after 68 years of Independence and 25 years of mobile revolution. Availability, Accessibility & Affordability of stable and uninterrupted connectivity is still a distant dream for the lakhs of people living in these areas. Government has constitutional obligation to provide Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) services to every citizen irrespective of socio economic and geographical conditions and to bridge the digital divide between rural and urban areas. The Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund has been created to achieve this obligation. Hence, I kindly request the Minister of Communications and IT to fulfill the constitutional obligation of providing uninterrupted wire-line (including broadband) and wireless services (including 2G and 3G mobile telephonic services) to the people living in the above Hilly, Mountain and forest regions of the Kallakurichi Constituency from the Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund to achieve the dream of Digital India.